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Enjoy Corps parks during Memorial Day weekend

WALLA WALLA, Wash. -- The upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend is a great time to visit parks and recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Take advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and swimming, and enjoy the scenic rivers and lakes.

Remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Swim with a buddy, and don't dive where you don't know what's under the surface. Always wear an U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Don't consume intoxicants and operate recreational vessels. For more tips on how to be water-safe, including cold water survival, boating and swimming tips, visit the Corps' water safety Web site at <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>. Visit Bobber the Water Safety Dog for a fun cartoon on life jacket safety at <http://bobber.info/>.

Because the Corps facilities attract many visitors, a few rules apply to make the outdoors experience a safe and happy one. Some locations have restrictions on open fires, so check with park rangers. Other rules apply at Corps parks based on state-specific laws – be sure you know the rules for the recreation facility you plan to visit.

For more information about Walla Walla District recreation opportunities, including a list of parks and contact information, visit the Corps' recreation Web site at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/. For campground reservation information, go online to www.recreation.gov/ or call 1 (877) 444-6777. Corps natural resource staffers and local law enforcement officials will patrol throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

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